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SOME SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

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of the race's most competent architects.

The Class of '30 gave us such brilliant graduates as Miss Ruby L. Rush, who until the current session, was employed at Prairie View, and Mr. Roby Hilliard, at present employed at Prairie View and President of the Local Alumni Association.

We could not ignore our own Dr. Ernest M. Norris, B. S., '27, who celebrated his class-reunion and tenth homecoming by returning to Prairie View to head the Graduate School Assembly, a "local boy who has done well." His advanced degrees were conferred by Cornell.

Preston Valien, A. B., '34, represents one of Prairie View's ablest and most versatile graduates. He is now retained in the Research Division of Fisk University. His Master's Degree was received at the University of Wisconsin. Further work was done in research at New York University. With Mr. Valien in the Research Division at Fisk is his equally brilliant and versatile wife, Bonita Harrison Valien, A. B., '35. Mrs. Valien was accorded the honor of having received the highest average of any student to enroll in Atlanta University Graduate School, where she studied for her Master's Degree on a scholarship, at any time. During 1937-1938 Mr. and Mrs. Valien received Rosenwald fellowships to study towards their doctorates at the University of Wisconsin.

A shining example of success in religious endeavor can be found in Bishop John W. McKinney, of the Colored Methodist and Episcopal Church at Sherman, Texas. Mr. James Horace, Normal Arts, '16, is also succeeding as pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church in Chicago. Rev. Brooks Joshua, B. S., '25, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Rev. I. E. Loud, Calvert, Texas, have also become successful ministers. Mr. Lee Cato Phillip, A. B., '28, is doing splendid work in the religious field as well as professing an ardent interest in youth and interracial activities. At present he is away on leave to study at Howard University Theological Seminary.

In the medical profession, Prairie Alumni are represented by Doctor Hall, Head of the Department of Pathology, Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Hall has studied as a Rosenwald fellow in Vienna.

At the same hospital in Chicago is Mrs. Mary Blount Anderson, Class of '18, who has the responsible position of superintending buildings and equipment there.

Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, Class of '18, is, by far, the most outstanding Prairie View ex-student in the nursing profession, being one of the several Negro women to hold the Master's Degree in Nursing Education. At present Mrs. Riddle teaches special courses in Akron, Ohio. She is President of the National Association for Colored Graduate Nurses and serves on numerous important national committees on curricula for nursing education. She is a prominent lecturer and contributor to such publications as the American Journal of Nursing Education.

We could go on and on with our success story, but as afore stated, time and space do not permit. Hence we sign off wishing the above and all Prairie View Alumni continued success.

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The work of Mr. D. C. Heath, Mr. J. Yancy and Mr. F. A. Jackson in this drive deserves special mention.

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Contributions of less than \$1.00 will be published later.

P. V. MUSIC DEPARTMENT GROWS

By Ella Mae Campbell, '35

The Prairie View music department under the able direction of Mr. O. A. Fuller and his assistants has steadily grown. This year there are 60 music majors where in 1932 there were 5.

The largest graduating class finished in May, 1938. Five students completed the course.

Several music students have done graduate work in the leading universities and conservatories of the country. Ninety-nine per cent of all the graduates are now employed as teachers of music throughout the State of Texas. Two are in Oklahoma, one in Kansas and one in Gary, Indiana.

The large enrollment of this year is taxing all housing and teaching facilities in order to take care of course offerings and activities.

CHORUS AND QUARTETS

By Ella Mae Campbell, '35

The chorus and quartets of the Prairie View music department are in popular demand for concerts this year. November 13, the a capella choir of 100 voices rendered a concert of Negro Spirituals before the American Bankers Association in Houston, Texas. Because of the concert, this group was able to reach a degree of concert preparation much earlier than the usual time, which is the Christmas season.

One of the quartets sang before a group assembled in the Hempstead Theatre, November 9, to hear a Book Review by Laura Lettie Krey. This was one of the many engagements this group has filled recently.

A feature of the concert which the a capella choir will render after the Christmas holidays on the campus is Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "The Elijah."

The mixed glee club will continue the series of good will tours the second semester over Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The regular chorus will do special Christmas and Easter music and appear at the Educational Conference.

There are 187 students in the regular chorus this year, 100 in the a capella choir, 24 in a mixed glee club, a male chorus of 20, and 2 male quartets.

LETTER TO MR. SANDERS

Mr. Milton C. Sanders
Prairie View Hospital
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Fellow-Club Member:

An air of gloom has hung over the Local Alumni Club members since your illness. Today, on tidings of your marked improvement, we all feel more optimistic, but need your cheerful presence.

We hope that your recovery may be rapid, and that you will be with us again soon.

Enclosed is a little token of remembrance (\$9.45), and our very sincere and hearty wishes for a complete recovery.

Yours sincerely,

The Local Alumni and
Ex-Student Club

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"MISS HOMECOMING" AND HER ESCORTS



Left to right—Misses Lillie M. Carter, Mable Porter (Miss Prairie View in 1936), Eloise Duke, Madeline Freeman (the present Miss Prairie View), Dora Lee (the present Miss Homecoming), Marguerite Howard, Frances Ellison (Miss Prairie View in 1937), Elaine Fowler, and Bernice M. Pruitt.

"Homecoming Day"

By Mrs. C. S. Wells, '30

On October 29, 1938 under a clear sky and in an atmosphere permeated by the "Ole Prairie View Spirit" such as has not been displayed in years, the visitors and ex-students were witnesses to a pageant and football game that will long be remembered.

Beginning the day at 1:30 P. M., the local alumni committee, under the direction of Miss Hazel Tatum, sponsored a parade of beautiful floats in which various organizations of the campus took part. Lead by the Prairie View Band, the parade moved around the campus to the athletic field. Prizes were awarded for the most outstanding floats, first place being tied for by the Department of Mechanics and the local N. F. A. The Y. M. C. A. float placed third. The floats bore various significances, among them being the "Future Alumni" by the local alumni; the "Past, Present and Future" was well represented in the float sponsored by the P. V. Grandchildren's Club.

During the half, for the first time, Miss Homecoming, in the person of Miss Dora Lee, was presented. Miss Lee, Class of '30 and a member of

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A Family Institution?

By Evelyn J. Powers, '36

Sixty Families caused a furore on the Senate floor but not half the excitement that Prairie View College's thirty-four or more student families have caused. There are the five Hill brothers, four Brooks brothers, three Sadbery brothers, three Branch sisters, the Collinses, two boys and one girl, and twenty-nine sets of two, including two sets of twins.

No diverse interests appear in the Brooks' brothers selection of their courses for all are Arts and Sciences students, whereas, the Sadbery and Hill brothers have chosen either Agriculture or Mechanic Arts as their major field with Agriculture predominating. The others are normally distributed through the seven divisions of the College.

A wholesome curiosity prompted the interviewing of each student to find out what he considered so remarkable about Prairie View State College to bring such large family representatives. The answers are interesting, enlightening and in a few instances amusing:

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Letter To Class Of '29

I. M. Terrell High
Fort Worth, Texas
December 5, 1938

To the Class of '29

Greetings:

I am sure by now that you are well informed of our class Reunion, to be held in Dear Old Prairie View, Alumni Day. I am hoping that this reunion will be the best in the school's history.

Remember the splendid cooperation that existed within our group as Seniors of P. V.? This same spirit of cooperation will be exemplified on Alumni Day. I feel that after a period of ten years we should do something worthwhile for our school. Personally I feel that we owe something to our School and there is no better time to show it than on our Reunion Day. I want every student who was a member of the class of '29, regular session and summer, to put forth every effort to be present on Alumni Day.

You will be informed on a later date through The Standard or by mail as to the activities and program for the day.

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ORGAN FUND

If you have not made your contribution to the organ fund, do so. The completion of the drive depends upon you, you and you. Be sure and do your bit. Your name should be in the next list published. Send the contribution to Prof. J. M. Alexander.

Contributors To Organ Fund

We are publishing names of some of the persons who contributed to the organ fund drive. Other names have been published in previous releases.

The first will be group contributions.

The Houston Alumni Club \$54.00.
The Local Alumni Club at Prairie View \$75.00 (1937-38)

The Los Angeles-Prairie View Club \$25.00.

Faculty of Woodville High School \$5.00 (Mr. F. W. Thomas)

The Nautilus Club \$25.00

Columbus Extension School, Miss Jessie V. Jones, Secretary, \$6.00.

Galveston Extension School, Mrs. E. N. Foreman, Secretary, \$5.40.

Fred Douglass High School, Jacksonville, Prof. M. B. Davis, Principal, \$5.00.

The Dennison-Prairie View Club, Haskell Houston, President, Mrs. D. H. Matthews Houston, Secretary, \$5.00.

Palestine-Prairie View Club, F. J. Robinson, Pres., \$14.50.

Texarkana-Prairie View Club, A. E. Alton, Pres., \$25.00.

Hearne-Prairie View Group, J. H. Allen, Principal, \$10.00.

Paris-Prairie View Group, Prof. T. G. Givens, Principal, \$11.95.

Bryan-Prairie View Club, Dr. I. A. Carter, President, \$25.00.

Mr. Milton Sanders (Collection), \$5.00.

Longview-Prairie View Club, Miss Varrie Johnson, Pres., \$20.00.

Richmond-Prairie View Group, Mrs. M. B. Edwards Smith, \$6.00.

Ennis-Prairie View Group, Prof. B. F. Thomas, Chairman, \$10.00.

Beaumont Extension Club, Miss Viola Slater, \$6.00.

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Carnegie Music Set Is Gift To Prairie View

By Eula Mae Muckleroy, '37

The facilities of the Music Department of Prairie View State College have recently been enriched by the addition of a new Music Set. The Music Set, which was allocated to the Department of Music by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, comprises the following:

953 records assembled in 81 albums, all housed in a 9-compartment, open-face album shelf.

104 books, 145 miniature scores and 4 vocal scores.

A 4-drawer file cabinet containing index filing system with cards.

A Federal Electric Phonograph composed of a chair-side unit and a loud speaker, both housed in two attractive cabinets of modern design.

That there are approximately 150 different forms of music included is not to be doubted when the wide variety is taken into consideration. Among a few of the commonly recognized forms are Anthems, Ballads, Blues, Chorales, Cantatas, Fox Trots, Minuets, Polkas, Operas, Psalms, Symphonies and National Music of numerous countries.

Works of famous composers of the twelfth century through the nineteenth century are found in the extensive collection. The immortal works of Bach, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Mozart, Schubert, Handel, Mendelssohn, Strauss, Wagner, Paganini and others now occupy a permanent position in the Music Department. These musical works are expressed through various mediums among which are vocal solos for every voice, solo instruments, flutes,

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ALUMNI DAY 1939

The Local Alumni Club has adopted a rather elaborate program for Alumni Day, 1939. The club members agreed that no stone should be left unturned in an effort to make May, 1939 second only to the memorable re-union of the class of 1885 back in 1935.

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AIM—To maintain the bond of friendship between all who have attended Prairie View State College.

VARIETY

By R. W. Hilliard '30

The columnist is highly pleased to be back "in the saddle" after three rather rich years of leave. The first year was spent in study and the next two were spent as State Supervisor of Adult Education in Texas. It was rather inspiring to work with the very splendid people connected with the W. P. A. Education program. This goes for the State Staff headed by Mr. C. W. Huser on through the organization to the 400 teachers. The program is doing much for our people—may it continue.

Three years ago we had approximately 30 Prairie View Clubs in Texas. At present we do not know our strength. Why not organize and send in your membership roll, officers and your program for the year? Send this information to yours truly who is acting Secretary of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Student Association in Mr. L. C. Phillip's place. Mr. Phillip is studying this year as is Miss Ruby Rush.

We have President O. J. Thomas on the campus now. He is definitely connected with the college now serving as Itinerant Teacher Trainer in the Vocational Agriculture set up. We are glad to have him and his charming wife as members of the local family. It is an advantage to have a president who travels over the state. After work hours, it is possible to make important contacts.

Let's wind up this organ fund drive by May 1939 and then celebrate. The Local Alumni Club is planning to take care of the necessities for a first rate celebration. You have quite likely observed mem-

bers of the club selling soda water and "what have you" on the athletic field at various times. Well that is to get the where with all to attempt to make it pleasant for you when you return on Home Coming Day or Alumni Day. (Thanks to Dr. E. B. Evans for stand rights.)

A good job was done on the Anderson Hall project. Why not make this our second big triumph. Send your \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$5.00 to Professor J. M. Alexander.

We feel certain that you enjoyed following John Marion from Texas on into other states and finally around parts of Europe. We know that you enjoyed it, but sometimes a letter will express our sentiments better. Principal Banks and Coach Taylor would appreciate your sentiments in writing, I am sure. Watch Coach and his boys. That is not the last trip. More will come if Coach Taylor gets the material.

By the way, the Prairie View California Club located in Los Angeles continues to rate as one of the best Prairie View College Clubs. They meet on schedule at different members homes each month. They have printed cards with space to fill in the name of the host, or hostess, the address and the date for the meeting. If you by chance visit Los Angeles, pay the club a visit. The club is always one of the first to send money to Prairie View for any drive. Mr. Clarence S. Smith, 4258 Central Avenue, a noted contractor, is president of the club.

I want to remind the members of the class of 1930 that our re-union is just a bit more than a year off (we are getting old). Send in suggestions for our projects and save some change (short for money). We set precedence in many ways while on the campus—let's do so with our re-union.

Most of you know that Milton Sanders, the former captain of the Prairie View Panthers, has been confined to the Prairie View hospital since July. He is doing nicely. He was a fine athlete and is a very fine gentleman. Elsewhere in this issue you will note that The Local Club sent a little token to Captain Sanders. This letter was published only for the purpose of suggesting to other groups or individuals that this would be a mighty fine step to take. The old Panthers could send a token to Captain Sanders through the local President of the P Club, Mr. L. C. Mosley.

Two years ago, I mentioned Mr. Louie Bass in an article. At the time it was pointed out that he was manager of a block (brick) factory which was owned by the Texas Baptist Association. At present he is building a \$40,000.00 annex to Rev. Lucas' church in Houston and is using material made under his supervision.

The Larkin brothers, the Mills brothers and Jimmie Lee Perry are very successful business men in Dallas, Texas. The two sets of brothers are in the Tailoring business while Mr. Perry is in the grocery business. Mr. Jack Echols is also meeting with success in the grocery business. Congratulations gentlemen. We need more men with the grit and determination that you have.

THE GRANDCHILDREN'S CLUB

By Viola Whitley, '39

The Prairie View Grandchildren's Club was first organized in 1932. The club is composed of students whose parents, grandparents or great grandparents have at some time attended Prairie View.

Since the club was organized it has steadily grown until at present the club's enrollment is approximately 125 members.

Officers of the club elected for the school year 1938-39 are: Miss Theola Pleasants, President; Miss Clarence L. Flint, Vice President; Miss Chrystelle Vaughters, Secretary; Miss Martha Estelle, Treasurer; Carl U. Westbrook, Business Manager; Miss Doris Branch, Chairman of Programs; Charles Charlton, Chairman of Music; and Miss Eloise Duke, Reporter.

Under the leadership of the sponsor, Principal W. R. Banks, and faculty advisors the club has set up the following objectives for the year:

1. Present a drama.
2. Keep campus fountain clean.
3. Act as directors during various meetings on the campus.
4. Have a group picture made.
5. Make a scrapbook containing outstanding things done by grandchildren.
6. Present a program in auditorium.
7. Have charge of a stand during the Interscholastic League.
8. Keep a secretary book that will be kept on file.

The officers of the club, together with its members, promise to put over a bigger and better program than ever this year.

LOCAL ALUMNI CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Local Alumni Club met September 20, 1938, and elected the officers for the year. They follow:

R. W. Hilliard, President; J. J. Abernethy, Vice President; Miss E. J. Powers, Secretary; Mrs. R. B. Isaac, Assistant Secretary; J. M. Alexander, Chaplain; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Parliamentarian; Miss A. Hazel Tatum, Pianist; Miss Eula Muckelroy, Assistant Pianist; A. G. Cleaver, Sergeant-at-arms; I. W. Kaffie, Publicity Agent; and L. C. Mosley, Treasurer.

The newly elected president gave his views as to the purpose of an Alumni and Ex-Student Club at the heart of the institution. He stated: "I believe that our duty is primarily one of receiving and entertaining ex-students and alumni from time to time. The receiving part is carried on at all times. The entertainment side is confined largely to Home Coming and Alumni Day. Needless to say, if we undertake this program we cannot expect to make many material contributions as a club. We stimulate others to do so."

The program was presented and approved at the regular meeting October 18, 1938. The Home Coming part was well executed by the committees in charge and now the club is laying the groundwork for the greatest Alumni Day in the institution's history.

It was rather gratifying to see Prairie Viewites carrying on in various walks of life as I traveled over the states for two years. Until next time, this columnist bids Adieu!

OPEN LETTER FROM PRESIDENT THOMAS

Fellow Alumni and Ex-Students

Greetings;

As we approach the close of the year of 1938, I sincerely hope that each of us can look back with pride to many happy and profitable experiences and accomplishments. In summarizing these experiences and accomplishments, I am wondering if we will find that necessary attention has been given to the perpetuation of Our Dear Old Prairie View in the lives and minds of those about us. Suppose we check our list for these items:

1. Have you organized a local P. V. Club in your community? Or, have you participated in club meetings and activities?
2. Have you planned for a Regional Organization in your region in 1939?
3. Have you made your full contribution to the Hammond Organ Fund? If you have not included these items in your year's accomplishments, you should do so immediately.

This is a fine season for number three. Include it in your list of Christmas gifts and deliver the gift to Professor J. M. Alexander. He will be the Organ Santa Claus. As you perhaps know, Principal Banks has headed our Organ drive with much credit and distinction. Many of you have contributed your quota, while there are others who have not yet found it convenient to contribute. That we have already invested approximately a thousand dollars in this project makes it very necessary for us to carry through our full obligations, lest we lose. I am counting upon you.

Permit me to thank you for your fine spirit of cooperation in helping to make our State Teachers' Association a success. I remember you kindly for your many words of confidence and encouragement.

Since my work as Itinerant Teacher-Trainer carries me to your communities, I shall be pleased to look in on you in your club activities when convenient.

Wishing for you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

O. J. Thomas, President
Prairie View Alumni
and Ex-Students' Ass'n

A FAMILY INSTITUTION?

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"To secure practical knowledge of Agriculture and Home Economics."
"Preparation for economic independence."

"Social contact."

"Parents selected college."

"Preparations for professions and vocations."

"To prepare for advanced study."

"To study under efficient teachers."

"Gain knowledge and understanding of rural institutions and customs."

"Attending Prairie View College is an old family custom."

THE COMPOSITION OF THE PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE STUDENT BODY

By Arthurlyne J. Andrews, '37

This study is based on an analysis of the present enrollment of 1,044 resident students (473 male, 571 female) who entered Prairie View State College at the beginning of the academic year 1938-39. The total registration for the first semester represents an increase of 96 over the figure for the first semester of 1937-38. The enrollment of the other branches of the college are as follows: laboratory school students, 87; nursery school children, 14; correspondence, 29; and extension school students, 120. The enrollment of the Graduate School is 12, of whom three-fourths are Prairie View graduates. Approximately two-thirds of this number, who are engaged in professional occupations in various sections of the State, are pursuing studies which will aid them in doing their work more efficiently.

The increased enrollment is scattered throughout nearly all the divisions, a review of which reveals the greatest numerical gain in the Arts and Sciences Division (365). However, the enrollment in the vocational divisions—Home Economics (335); Agriculture (177); Mechanic Arts (134)—representing 52 per cent of the total enrollment, is characteristic of the largest Land-Grant College in America for Negroes.

The continued increase in the number of students coming from distant states is a gratifying indication that Prairie View is advancing towards the goal of a truly national institution. The geographic scope extends from Texas to New York and from New York to California, and the Virgin Islands. A total of 92 U. S. counties, 240 cities in 23 states, the District of Columbia, and one Island possession are represented in the enrollment.

The methods of admission were by transcript and examination. Of the total entering 375 new Freshmen entered by transcript, and 22 by examination. The 29 transfer students admitted to advanced standing represented 15 colleges.

The median age of those in attendance in the undergraduate division is 18 years, the range being from 15 to 51 with the highest number under 27 years of age.

It is interesting to note that the religious preferences are extended over 16 denominations with the Baptists leading by a very great percentage.

The amount of financial aid given to 57 students through scholarships this semester was \$2,850.00.

The above information clearly reveals that Prairie View is living up to its purpose as follows:

PRAIRIE VIEW:

1. Attempts to serve the Colored Citizens of Texas and the Southwest at the points of their greatest needs.
2. Endeavors to bring the student's training into closer relationship with life's occupations.
3. Believes that Education for Negroes must have as its objective the making of a worthwhile life and a respectable living.

Conscience in the soul is the root of all true courage. If a man would be brave, let him learn to obey his conscience.

—Clarke.

"HOMECOMING DAY"

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the Houston-Prairie View Club, of which Mrs. Lula Madison White is President, was selected to this honor because of their club's having made the largest contribution towards the organ fund. Miss Homecoming was escorted to the center of the field by Miss Prairie View (Madalyn Freeman) and her attendants where she was crowned by Prof. O. J. Thomas, President of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association. This portion of the day's activities presented a beautiful spectacle to the host of students and visitors.

After the game the Alumni gathered at the new Gymnasium, where to the music of the P. V. Collegians, they enjoyed an evening of dancing.

Under the direction of Mr. R. W. Hilliard, President of the Local Alumni, the following persons contributed largely to the success of the day. Mr. C. A. Harrison and Committee were responsible for the most elaborate decoration yet seen on homecoming day. Approximately six hundred flags and pennants were used. Mr. Harrison was ably assisted by Prof. W. L. Watson of Hampton. The Local Alumni float was decorated and managed by Miss Fredia Rhone and committee. During the game ample refreshments were available to all at the Alumni stand, managed by Mrs. C. L. Wilson and Committee.

CARNEGIE MUSIC SET GIFT TO PRAIRIE VIEW

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stringed and winged instruments, organ, chorus, orchestra, and many others.

Taken in its entirety, the number of records total 953, but a new shipment, expected within a few days, will make the total number exceed 1,000 records.

Mr. O. A. Fuller, in expressing his opinion about the Music Set, said:

"The Carnegie Music Set is inestimable in its value to the Music Department and the college in general through its offerings of recorded music in every branch of literature. The appreciation of the college community should be greatly enhanced. Hours for listening to music will be offered to those desiring to hear their favorite records, and at opportune times, the entire student body assembled at the auditorium may hear various forms of music with explanations.

The students and faculty are greatly indebted to the Carnegie Corporation of New York for this equipment. The addition of this Music Set is significant of the cultural progress and aesthetic appreciation of Prairie View College. It is another victory won which will be an incentive to further efforts and achievements, not only in the field of music, but in all other phases of work in the school."

LETTER TO CLASS OF '29

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I am hoping and trusting that we have conducted ourselves in such a way the past ten years that our lives will reflect credit on our school that will add to the rapid progress of Dear Old Prairie View. I am sin-

GRADUATE WORK AT PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

By Dr. E. M. Norris, '28

All Prairie View alumni should be happily apprised of the fact that their Alma Mater has expanded its curricular program into the realm of graduate study. In an attempt to serve at points of greatest need, courses in the following fields are offered: Agricultural Economics, Educational Administration, Educational Supervision, Agricultural Supervision, Agricultural Education, Rural Sociology, Rural Education, and Agricultural Science. The administration is sparing no pains in providing adequate facilities for conducting the work on a high plane and in line with approved standards.

However, in the maintenance of standards, Prairie View proposes and is determined not to be hampered by traditions, in so far as tradition may conflict with need and a functional philosophy of education. Much favorable comment regarding the careful planning and execution of the program has come from recognized educators throughout the country who have had a chance either to observe and study the operations of the program first hand or to study the written plans made available for their critical analyses.

Since the beginning of class work on June 6, 1938, fifty-eight different persons have registered. Forty-two of these are graduates of Prairie View and sixteen are graduates of other institutions. Eleven colleges and four states are represented in this registration. Applications have been received from nine states.

Persons desiring further information should write to E. M. Norris, Chairman of Graduate Study.

THE NEW DINING HALL

Work has now begun on the construction of a new Prairie View Dining Hall which is to be erected at a cost of \$100,000, of which \$15,000 is to be used for equipment. The Hubbard Construction, Inc., of Houston, Texas, is the contractor. It has been reported that the work is expected to be completed sometime in April. The site of the new building is a 140 by 160 foot (approximately) tract adjacent to and north of the present dining hall.

The new building is to be a two story (partially) fireproof, brick structure which is to be built similar to the Mechanical Arts Building. It will face south where the main entrance will be located.

On the first floor will be the main kitchen and the student dining hall. The dining hall will be divided into three sections, each section to accommodate 400 students. Space for 400 more can be provided for in the basement to take care of any overcrowded conditions.

On the second floor will be the kitchen, bakery, pantry, teachers' cafeteria, teachers' lounge, cafeteria and reception room for whites. The cafeteria and white reception rooms will care for 100 and 50 respectively.

The storeroom, meat market and General Offices will be in the basement.

cereely hoping to meet you Alumni Day.

Yours for success,

M. C. Bates
Vice President

SOME SUCCESSFUL PRAIRIE VIEW ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS

By Ruth Love Martin, A. B., '36

Although Prairie View is proud to claim any and all who have entered her portals in pursuit of knowledge and have earnestly endeavored to uphold the ideals and traditions of the institution after having departed, we feel that there are some who have achieved success that demands distinction and isolation.

We do not propose to list "the" most successful graduates and ex-students herein, but we do list the following whose careers and professions should offer a challenge and inspiration to anyone.

Perhaps the best known Prairie View ex-student is Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, a Normal Arts graduate of the Class of '18. At present Dr. Patterson is President of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, having been elected to succeed Dr. R. R. Moton upon the latter's resignation. Dr. Patterson received his Bachelor's Degree at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, and his Master's Degree and Doctorate at Cornell University.

Another college president who is proud to call Prairie View alma mater, is Mr. J. W. Sanford, who leads Langston University.

Charles O. Rogers, Principal of Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, represents the Prairie View alumnus who heads one of the largest Negro High Schools. He is a Normal Arts graduate of '16.

Among other P. V. graduates whose success demands attention we have Mr. Paul Rutledge, B. S., '31, at Tucker, Texas; Miss Rubye L. Nichols, A. B., '34, Oakwood, Texas; Mr. S. O. Parrish, B. S., '25, Mexia, Texas; Mr. F. R. Rice, B. S., '31, Austin, Texas; Mr. A. E. Alton, B. S., '26, Texarkana, Texas; and Mr. Leroy Kirkpatrick, B. S., '26, El Reno, Oklahoma.

Further, in the field of education are such satellites as Dr. Mark Hanna Watkins, A. B., '26, who is now Professor of Anthropology in the Social Sciences Department at Fisk University. His Master's Degree and Doctorate were obtained at Chicago University.

Dr. Jesse Jarue Marks, B. S., '29, is Director of Agriculture at Kentucky State College. Dr. Marks be remembered not only for his scholastic ability, but also for his athletic prowess while in attendance at Prairie View. Iowa State College conferred his Master's Degree and Doctorate.

Dr. J. L. Lockett received his Master's Degree at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, and his Ph. D. at Rutgers University, New Jersey, after having attended Prairie View. He now heads the Department of Agriculture at Virginia State College.

As a co-worker at Virginia State, Dr. Lockett has a Prairie View graduate, Mrs. M. E. Jones, B. S., '26, who is Director of Home Economics. Mrs. Jones studied for her Master's Degree at Iowa State College and will soon receive her Ph. D. from Ohio State College, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Louis E. Fry, B. S., '22, was among the first to receive the baccalaureate degree at Prairie View after it became a four-year college. He is, at present, Head of the Department of Architectural Engineering at Tuskegee Institute and is one

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